

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]
 London, February 22d, 1860.

Some little anxiety was felt at the opening of the session by the friends of the Government, as to whether Lord Palmerston would be able to weather the storm which was brewing against him. He certainly has incurred responsibilities as heavy as fell to the lot of any minister in one history. He had to meet with two new wars, and more than one negotiation still pending. But the Premier has emerged safely, up to this time, from all his difficulties, and there is little prospect of office to his opponents. On the Chinese and Persian questions, the explanations which have been given by the Government, and the paper laid before Parliament, have seemed to confirm the propriety of their approval of the Government measures. With regard to the Canton affair, it is certain that an open and deliberate insult was intended by the Chinese; an insult which we could not possibly overlook without very material injury to our future relations with China. The organs of the peacemongers have utterly failed in representing this quarrel as of our own seeking, and the measures of Admiral Seymour as unjustifiable. The British authorities had no remedy but to act as they did. The *Lorch Arrow*, was to all intents and purposes a British vessel entitled to British protection. The fact of her register having expired a few days before the outrage, cannot destroy her claim to be considered a British vessel. The period of her registry had expired since the Arrow left Hongkong—and it could only be renewed at Hongkong.—Pending the renewal, the Arrow, not having altered her character—having still a British owner and a British master,—was most unquestionably entitled to carry the British flag. But whether her register was correct or not, it is clear from his own admission that Commissioner Jey never doubted the fact of the registry. He was fully aware of the British character of the vessel; he was no less aware of the terms of the treaty, by which any complaint against a British vessel was to be lodged, in the first instance, with the Consul, and yet he proceeded by violence to satisfy his claims against the Arrow's crew. Under such circumstances, and in default of any apology on his part, what alternative was left to Mr. Consul Parkes but to take the aid of Admiral Seymour? In the memorable loss of life which has resulted, the Chinese alone are to blame. The British Admiral has done nothing but what was just,

Neither of the wars—the Persian or Chinese—is popular in this country, but that is owing less to their supposed injustice, than to the experience we have acquired of the expensiveness of all wars. While still smarting from the costs of the late struggle, it is not to be supposed that we can look forward cheerfully to the prospect of further war-burdens. It has been found that it is impossible to vindicate the principles of freedom, and to restrain tyranny, without the expenses of many pounds sterling. Despots are not to be curbed at a lower figure than ninepence in the pound; and the peace of the world cannot be maintained under a very considerable additional sum to the army and navy estimates. At no time has this country been more desirous of peace than just now, and it were well for the permanence of Lord Palmerston's Ministry that we were clear of our Eastern entanglements. At the same time it apprehends no serious danger to the Government from the ill-coordinated attitude of the Opposition. On every point Lord Palmerston has disappointed the expectations of his enemies, by a timely concession to popular opinion; and as long as he keeps a head of the Tory arrangements, I have no doubt of his retaining power at Court, to the end of the session. The reduction of the income tax was a heavy blow and great discouragement to Mr. Disraeli, who had made the question his own *cheval de bataille*. The Premier has now effectually taken the wind out of his sails, and is so far in advance towards popular favour as not to be overtaken. He is certainly a wonderful man, this Premier of ours. He appears to grow in vigour and sprightliness as he increases his years. In briskness of manner, no less than in capacity for work, there is no young man in the House can match him. He is indeed the youngest man in the House, "and eke a most lusty juvenile." His energy, tact, and readiness have been lately illustrated in a striking way, at the expense of Mr. Disraeli. Shortly after the opening of the session, that gentleman, who had been spending some time on the continent, astonished the country by delivering, in his most solemn and impressive style, that a secret treaty had been signed by France and England, at the instigation of Austria and Prussia, for the purpose of

Of course such a statement, so deliberately made, caused considerable sensation on both sides of the House; and the reply of the Premier was looked forward to with some anxiety. Nor did Lord Palmerston shrink from the challenge. In admitting that there was drawn up a military convention between France and Austria, engaging, on behalf of the latter power, that nothing should occur in Italy to require the presence of Austrian troops in the Lombard provinces; Lord Palmerston emphatically denied that any further treaty existed, or even to the effect that England and her allies should abstain from any interference in Italy. On the subsequent evening Mr. Disraeli repeated his charge still more deliberately than before, and offered to name the day on which the treaty had been signed. Expectation was at its height in the Commons. The Opposition benches cheered lustily. The Government supporters began to look blank, as slowly and solemnly Disraeli delivered himself of the date—22nd of December, 1854! At the mention of the year there was blank disappointment in the Tory ranks—loud and derisive cheers from the Government. For be it remembered, that in December, 1854, it was Lord Aberdeen, not Lord Palmerston, who was our responsible minister; therefore, admitting that a treaty existed, its responsibility falls at least as much upon the Premier as the present friends of Disraeli—as upon Lord Palmerston. But the mare's nest had still further to be explained. In his rejoinder, the Premier repeated his denial of the existence of the treaty, though he subsequently admitted what he had not at first known, that the military convention between France and Austria had actually been signed. As the occasion never arose when it could come into operation, and as it is no longer binding even on paper, since the cessation of hostilities, it will be seen how different a thing this is from a secret treaty in which England was engaged to put down Italian revolutions and to "Bismarck's Men," as the affair was facetiously called, has served but for the further confusion of the Conservative leaders. Indeed, his party are heartily tired of him, and would gladly transfer their allegiance to Mr. Gladstone, would that gentleman accept it. As yet, however, it is uncertain which way Gladstone will turn. He has made an onslaught on the Government financial

Gossip, in the literary world, speaks of the new poem by Tennyson, "Merlin," as being nearly ready for the press. Mr. Thackeray's new book is not to appear this year, that gentleman being so much occupied as a lecturer. He has been engaged to deliver his lectures on the Georges at £1200 a month, throughout the country. This is better than scribbling. Cer-

and only 10 Irish members. The minority, besides a large proportion of the Irish members, comprised 21 Conservatives, who approve of the Chinese embolism, or have no taste for a general election; amongst the twenty-one we find the names of Mr. Bentinck, Sir John Tyrrell, Mr. Masterman, Mr. Horsfall, Mr. Isaac

We do not think that his Lordship's party will be augmented in the House of Commons by the forthcoming election. It is true that Mr. Gladstone appears the only possible Minister at the present juncture. Lord John Russell could only come in as Premier in the face of resistance or alienation among the great names of the Opposition. His political abilities, it more than ever illustrated, and has besides no party at his back. The Manchester party is powerless, and is daily losing caste with the country. At the same time, Mr. Chamberlain is energetic and strong in talent. Beyond the Premier, to whom can we point as being first-rate man? Sir George Grey, Lord Panmure, Lord Shaftesbury, Sir G. C. Lewis, Mr. Stansfeld, Mr. Cross, Mr. Lubbock, are all mediocrities. The Lord Chancellor is the laughing-stock of the legal profession. Lord Glarendon, indeed, makes a respectable Foreign Secretary, and Lord Salisbury is a safe and sound, but unimpassioned speaker, but the only statesman in the ministry is Viscount Palmerston, and many moderate Conservatives are now recognising him as the only person capable of carrying out the liberal domestic policy of the Government may shortly be expected in the shape of an address to the electors of

The following are the chief points of the Anglo-Persian treaty, lately arranged by Count Walewski at Paris, between Feruk Khan and Lord Cowley: I. The whole of the Persian territory which is or might be occupied by the English troops up to the proclamation of peace in those parts, is to be com-

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KYNGHORN AND BELLION. Hongkong, January 18.—
Bank Corporation on London at six months' sight, 4 s; India,
nominal. Other bills on Canton Street, nominal; ditto
Macao, 40 cents.
On India, 21½ per cent.
At Calcutta, Jan'y 96.—On London, 4 s; India, the
same, 30 rupees per £100 dollars. Drafts on Canton at
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thirty day's sight, 4 s.; On Canton and Hongkong, 16
per cent premium; Am Shanghai, 22 per cent premium;
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POTUNG.—Hongkong, January 20.—Patna, 412 dollar
premium; Benares, 725; Calcutta, 500; Madras, 500;
Macao, January 20.—Patna, 414 dollars, Benares, 415
dollars.
No market.
RANAGARAH.—Jan'y 20.—Malwa, 367 to 368 taels;
to 322 tals.
SINGAPORE AND TOWSON.—Canton.—None.
SHANGHAIE.—To London, \$140 to \$2 fms., and
to New York, \$3 dollars, 30¢ fourts.
TOKYO.—London, 15 pence tempo, 4 shillings
to the United States, 3 dollars & 10 cents, Australian
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We have intelligence from Calcutta
the latest February, and from Bombay to the
March.

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ditto ditto ditto, 3 mths, 1 s 14-16d; bank rates, 6 dits ditto
ditto ditto ditto, 3 mths, 1 s 14-16d; ditto ditto ditto, 3 mths,
ditto, nominal; Calcutta, 60 days' ditto, 95% ; ditto 30
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